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MOTHER'S DAY, 1957

Mother's Day dates from just a few years back — 1907, or fifty years ago. Yet it has already become nationally accepted and generally observed in this and other countries.

Miss Anna M. Jarvis, of Philadelphia, persuaded one of the churches in that city to honor mothers and asked that sons and daughters wear white carnations in honor of their mothers. This was done and soon the custom spread to all parts of the United States.

Today we wear either white or red flowers on this special day depending on whether our mother is still alive. And there is little doubt that the observance of Mother's Day led, later, to establishment of Father's Day, which is held in June.

In 1914 Congress officially recognized Mother's Day and President Woodrow Wilson first called upon U. S. officials to display the flag in honor of the day.

It is proper and well to observe Mothers' Day and a tradition of giving presents to mothers on the second Sunday in May has become established in recent years. Observance of the day has done much good through the years.

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MORE HORSEPOWER COMING

Instead of a trend away from more horsepower, the word is out from Detroit that the 1958 automobiles will feature a considerable boost in horsepower and performance. This is surprising to those who thought the horsepower race had about reached the end of the trail.

It is reported that most of the horsepower increase will be achieved by the use of fuel-injection engines, usually to be offered as optional equipment. Reports from Detroit tell of experimental cars and first models of 1958 lines which exceed the performance of 1957 cars to a considerable degree.

In other words, it seems that the automobile industry has accepted the philosophy that greater and greater engine performance adds up to more modern and better automobiles. If this is true and is to be the continuing trend, then safety factors concerning automobiles and highways will continue to be the utmost importance.

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NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING UP

Although the advent of television brought about a large outlay of money from manufacturers and producers, it is interesting to note that national advertisers invested a record $737,000,000 in the newspapers of the United States last year.

According to semi-official tabulations, the 1956 total was over six per cent above the total spent for newspaper advertising in 1955. General advertising — all national advertising except automobiles — increased 12.5 per cent last year. Automobile advertising was down in 1956 from the record year 1955 by about 8.6 per cent.

Practically every other field showed an increase in newspaper advertising, with groceries leading the jump in the general category by 9.7 per cent over 1955.

All of which seems to prove that the newspaper is still the backbone of the advertising world, constituting a permanent record which the buyer may keep and study and which can continue to work for the advertiser long after his message is first seen by the reader.

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THE FEDERAL PAYROLL

Some idea of the vastness of the Federal payroll is obtained when one studies the figures compiled by a special House subcommittee conducting a three-year investigation of Federal manpower.

For one thing, the subcommittee has learned that the Federal Government employs about 2,400,000 persons. The salaries of these persons amount to almost one billion dollars a month.

We have mentioned on other occasions that if the international scene ever quiets down, the Defense Department will soon be under heavy pressure to effect economies. When one realizes that of the 71.8 billion dollar budget proposed by President Eisenhower, for fiscal 1958, beginning July 1, more than forty billion dollars of this amount goes to the Defense Department and its programs, the opportunity for economies in this department seems apparent.

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Somehow or other we are unable to make definite contact with the surplus money we read so much about.

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Now that practically every minority in the country has an organization, it might be a good idea for the majority to organize.

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Devotional Reading: Psalm 105:1-15.

Friend of God

Lesson for May 12, 1957

COUNTED a saint by three religions, Abraham is unique among the great men of the world. The Mohammedan name for him is simply "The Friend," meaning Friend of God. His greatness is not in anything that is especially admired and paid highly for in America, so that his reputation among us is somewhat what he deserves. He was not a noted businessman, executive, or popular novelist; no oil was ever discovered on his property. However, he might be introduced to an American audience as a successful cattleman. Even small boys might be interested to know that he was extra good as a deputy sheriff. But these facts were not the main point about him.

Dr. Foreman

Faith That Works

The big fact about Abraham was his religious genius. To some persons God seems very dim. Even Abraham's father worshipped "other gods"—we have no idea how many. But Abraham, out of an idolatrous home, came forth a man for whom God was his closest and most real Friend. To use the Bible word, Abraham was a man of **faith**. In one book of the New Testament (Romans) Paul says that Abraham was "justified"—that is, God looked with approval on him—for his faith.

Belief

"Abraham believed God," it is said. No living man now knows how God spoke to Abraham. Long ago Saint Augustine debated, but did not decide, the question whether God spoke in tones that the ear could catch, or in a voice audible only in the soul. The point is that when Abraham knew it for God's direction, or God's promise, he believed that what God said was true. God made some pretty unlikely promises to him: that he would have a son at all was very unlikely; that this son's descendants would be more numerous than the stars was equally unlikely; that they would live in and own the countryside where Abraham was a landless nomad was still more improbable; but most incredible of all was that through Abraham's descendants the whole earth should be blessed. Yet we are told that Abraham believed all these things; and indeed they all came true.

Obedience

It is one thing to believe that what God says is true; it is another thing to set about living by that truth. Many a person will stand up for the proposition that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, but simply won't act and live in accordance with what the Bible plainly teaches. Such "faith" as James said is "vain" — but Abraham's faith was not vain. He took God at his word; when God said "Go," he went, and he went all the way. "Whate'er my God ordains is right" is a song Abraham could well have sung.

Patience

Abraham's faith was shown also by his patience. Most of us are like small children, whose clocks show only two times, NOW and NEVER. If Father has promised a ride, or Mother a lollipop, the child wants it right this minute. If it's not to be had, tears fall and wails arise. If I can't have it now, I'll never get it! So we pray and expect an answer as if it were by return mail. We can't trust God to time his blessings. Abraham knew better. He was willing to wait. Indeed some of the promises God made to him he never lived to see. But he did not think that God had cheated him.

Sacrifice

The story of Abraham's sacrifice (or near-sacrifice) of Isaac shows the endless lengths to which Abraham's faith would go. Psychologically and morally impossible for a sane American today, the act of child-sacrifice was not so impossible for Abraham, living as he did among people for whom human sacrifices were all too common. But it is impossible to exaggerate the meaning of this sacrifice to Abraham. It meant cutting off, so far as he could see, all the promises of God. Indeed it may well have seemed to him that God had changed his mind and was taking back all he had promised for the future. All this added to the deep love Abraham had for this child of faith, the child for whom he had waited so many years, made the act seem especially terrible. But Abraham's faith went the last mile.

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Garden Talk

By Edith P. Gregory

Appomattox Garden Club

Today, I want to pay tribute to everyone who contributed to the success of the Flower Show which the Appomattox Garden Club had at the Surrender Grounds Saturday and Sunday. The cooperation of the committees and members of the committees; the cheerful willingness to do the unpleasant along with the pleasant tasks; the busy people who brought arrangements to fill our new niches when they could not spare the time from their already full schedule; the gardeners of the county who are not Garden Club members, who brought specimen plants to fill our horticulture section — to all these cheerful people we want to give thanks. To Mr. Gurney and the Park Service boys who cleared the buildings for us; to the organizations who let us borrow tables; to the boys who hauled them down and back; to the girls who served as hostesses; to the Garden Club husbands who are long suffering and who are our present help in times of stress — to everyone who made the Flower Show a joy to remember, we thank you.

Oakville

Oakville, May 6.- Mrs. Clark Moore is visiting with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Marshall in Alexandria. The Marshalls are the proud parents of a boy, James D. Marshall, Jr.

Mrs. Jessie Campbell spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Moore.

The Oakville Home Demonstration Club met Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Clark Lewis. A large number attended. The demonstration was given by Mrs

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Home Agent's Notes

By Mrs. B. G. Anderson

Home Demonstration Agent

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New Textiles

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Stonewall

Stonewall, May 6.- We were really visited by a bad storm on last Monday. Hope we will be overlooked next time.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson visited Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Showalters in their lovely new home on last Sunday evening. Best wishes go to these young folks in their new home in Lynchburg.

Mrs. Martha Ferguson is spending a while with relatives at Gladstone, Va.

Sorry to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Caldwell are both on the sick list again. Hope they will soon be feeling better.

Glad to know that Mrs. J. H. Beard has improved enough to return to her home here. Hope she will soon be feeling lots better.

Word was received here this week of the death of Mrs. Bernice Chick Young, of Prospect. We extend deepest sympathy to her family. She has visited many times in our community in her younger days.

Mrs. Bettie Wheeler, of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler on Sunday. Her little son, Brad, is spending some time with the Wheelers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Drinkard, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Calyton Drinkard, Jr., Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence, and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cyrus and Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Russell and children, of Richmond, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson and son spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Herndon had all of her folks to visit them over the week-end.

Miss Carson Crawley, of Appomattox visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette, Miss Eloise Bondurant and Miss Barbara Jean Lee attended the May Day at Harrisonburg on last Saturday. Miss Louise Burnette was among the young ladies in the court of the May Queen.

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On May 26, the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 104, will again give everyone an opportunity to show that "Appomattox Does Not Forget" by buying and wearing a Poppy.

"We honor the dead by serving the living."

Prayer for May

"Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the peace that is ours today. We thank Thee for Thy gracious goodness to us in time of grief, and for Thy abiding love in times of distress. May we remember with reverence the valor of all our departed heroes who rest here in America; those who rest on foreign soil where the poppies bloom, and those whose resting place is known but to Thee. Teach us to honor the dead by our continuous service to the living. May we strive to cherish the ideals of true Americanism for which they gave their last full measure of devotion. As the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of those who served in war distribute the memorial poppies for all to wear on Poppy Day, may we be reminded of the ideals for which our war dead gave their lives. Grant that we may carefully guard the funds contributed on Poppy Day so that we can help rehabilitate those who still live and for whom the wars have not ended. Amen." (Mrs. Robert T. Barrett, National Chaplain).

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Demonstration Club Schedule

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May 13: Bethany club will meet at 1:30 P. M. with Mrs. Cal Ranson. Demonstration will be given by Mrs. Reba Bruce and Mrs. Mott Harvey.

May 13.- Richwood club will meet at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. Randall Wooldridge. Mrs. E. W. Farrar will give the demonstration.

May 14: Clover Hill club wil meet at 2 P. M. with Mrs. Frances Conner. Mrs. Verna Conner will give the demonstration.

May 15: Wreck Island club will meet at 1:30 P. M. with Mrs. I. B. Wheeler. The April and May demonstrations will be given by Mrs. Tilden Lee and Miss Kate Davidson.

May 16: Pamplin club will meet at 2 P. M. with Mrs. Percy Lucado. Mrs. R. K. Martin and Mrs. R. W. Covington will give the demonstration.

May 16: Liberty Chapel club will meet at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. Percy Garrett. Mrs. Preston Coleman will give the demonstration.

A bill to require the testing of chemicals before they are added to food products, instead of afterwards, was recommended to Congress by the Administration.

Contrary to widespread public impressions, high officials think it will be some years beofre the missile replaces the airplane in defense.

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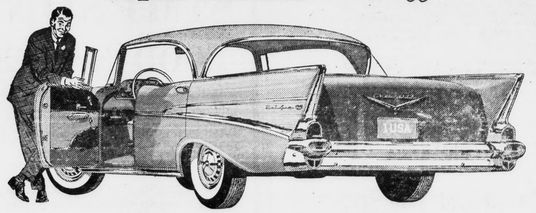

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